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The Commissioners Tauranga City

CEO Tauranga City Council.

RE Tsunami Escape Routes added to the next LTP

Good morning Anne, Stephen, Shadrach, Bill & Marty,

The need for a robust and an easy to use set of pedestrian pathways to facilitate quick evacuation from Papamoa residential area to the safety of the higher ground of Papamoa Hills is always present.

30,000 residents will need to vacate the area by foot/cycle within an hour. It does not matter how many studies and modelling are done, this fact remains that the escape paths are required and it is not being addressed at present.

In 2016 Tauranga City Council & Tonkin & Taylor received an award for work done on tsunami escape routes and vertical refuge areas for the Papamoa area. This followed extensive modelling and analysis. But the work did not translate fully from the paper documentation to reality. There are NO networks of escape paths in Papamoa to the safer higher ground. See the attached Tonkin & Taylor file for background.

Last week I was talking to the headmaster of Papamoa College and he commented that the school's tsunami escape plan was to have all the students moved to the first floor and ride out any wave. The school roll is approaching 2000 students.

Tsunami education is lacking! And tsunami escape planning is lacking throughout the community. The community can see no where they can easily go to and tend to laugh it off.

There needs to be a series of linked escape paths which work no matter which way you approach them. The Eastern Corridor Alliance has proposed a stage 1 solution with a set of paths that will start the work needed. The cost is estimated to be around \$25 million. See www.easterncorridoralliance.com for full details.

We request that the pathways proposed by the Eastern Corridor Alliance are added to the next LTP and the LTP also includes the pedestrian link from the Papamoa East Interchange bridge to Bell Rd.

Community safety must be at the top of TCC priorities, more modelling and studies, hoping private developers may create an escape pathway is not fulfilling the community expectations of a caring Council.

We have had good dialogue with the TCC Emergency Response section and I think we all agree the next steps must be taken with a positive attitude. My interest in all of this is also very selfish, I live in Papamoa and I have not found an easy escape route.

There is another major item to add to the Tsunami Escape Routes. Domain Rd will be a major route for many residents to head under the expressway and off to the Papamoa Hills. There are no footpaths on either side of this road in the critical section. These footpaths must also be included in the next LTP.

We are ready to work through this with Tauranga City Council.

Regards,

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